

# WORLD'S WIDEST YARD SALE DIRECTIONS

## Traveling South from Nashville, TN, on Interstate 65:

- Highway 80 West corridor - Take I-65 South for approximately 282 miles. Just south of Montgomery, AL, take Exit # 167 / US 80 West toward Selma. Hwy. 80 spans for 131 miles to the Mississippi state line.
- Highway 80 East corridor – Take I-65 South for approximately 277 miles to Montgomery. Take Exit # 171 onto I-85. Take Exit 16 to pick-up US 80 East which will span for approximately 150 miles to Phenix City, AL.

## Traveling North from Mobile, AL, on Interstate 65

- Highway 80 West corridor - Take I-65 North for approximately 157 miles. Before reaching Montgomery, AL, take Exit # 167 / US 80 West toward Selma. US 80 spans for 131 miles to the Mississippi state line.
- Highway 80 East corridor – Take I-65 North for approximately 161 miles to Montgomery. Take Exit # 171 onto I-85. Take Exit 16 to pick-up US 80 East which will span for approximately 150 miles to Phenix City, AL.

## Traveling West from Columbus, GA

Travel US 280 W. crossing into Alabama. Turn left onto Crawford Rd. and travel 7 miles. Continue on Crawford Road, which becomes US 80 W. The Hwy. 80 yard sale route spans across Alabama approximately 228 miles.

## Traveling East from Jackson, MS

Travel East via I-20 E. toward Alabama for approximately 109 miles. Shortly after crossing into Alabama, take Exit #1, Hwy. 80 E. The Hwy. 80 yard sale route spans across Alabama approximately 228 miles.

## VENDOR INFORMATION

Many towns and communities along US 80 have established locations with vendor space available for rent. Please visit [www.widestyardsale.com](http://www.widestyardsale.com) for a list of locations and contact information. You may also set up in any safe place along US 80, provided you have landowner permission.

You may sell the goods of your choice (i.e. household items, collectibles, antiques, farm fresh produce, plants, home-made items or canned goods, baked items, wood crafts, etc.) We do not recommend selling used clothing; it is most often passed over.

**Food Vendors:** Contact the local health department in the area in which you are setting up to obtain a food permit or visit the State website for an application. Go to [www.adph.org/food safety](http://www.adph.org/food%20safety); click on “Food and Lodging”; under Forms select “Application for Concessions at Temporary Events.”

**Alabama Department of Public Health**  
**The RSA Tower**  
**201 Monroe Street, Suite 1250**  
**Phone: (334) 206-5373**  
**Fax: (334) 206-5788**

<http://adph.org/foodsafety/assets/TemporaryEventApplication.pdf>

# TIPS & SUGGESTIONS

**Q: *Where will the Yard Sale begin?*** The Highway 80 Corridor runs from the Alabama state line on the east at Phenix City to the state line on the west at Cuba. Yard Sales may be held in any of the cities and communities along Highway 80 and, in cluster communities to the north or south of the Highway 80 Corridor. You might decide to jump on board at any point in between. (Check out map on back.)

**Q: *What time do the sales begin?*** Vendors can choose when they want to begin, but typically vendors are active by 8:00 a.m. and operate until the evening depending on traffic.

**Q: *How will people find the yard sales along the route?*** Once a visitor arrives on the sale route, he/she will not have to look hard to find a sale! The route will be well marked with signs, and maps will be available. Some areas will have large groups of vendors, others may be scattered along the roadside. In some instances, you may travel for several miles without seeing a yard sale due to distances between homes on country roads. Yard sales can be found at homes, businesses, on side streets adjacent to the route, and in wide open spaces or fields along the sale route.

**Q: *How long will it take to get from one yard sale to another?*** The length of time depends on how disciplined you are and how much ground you want to cover in one day. If you stop at every sale, then it may take some time. Check out the website and pre-plan. Decide in advance how much time you want to spend in each area and stick with your plan.

**Q: *Is there lodging available along the Yard Sale route, and should I make reservations?*** Yes, there will be accommodations along the route. (Please check website for lodging info.)

## Helpful Suggestions:

- Drive a large vehicle as you never know what oversize treasures you might find.
- Bring sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat, and repellent to protect yourself from the elements.
- Wear comfortable shoes and clothing and drink plenty of fluids. You might be doing a lot of walking, and activities can drain you before you know it.
- Many vendors don't take credit cards or checks, so bring CASH.
- Get out early to get the bargains! Though there will be many vendors who sell all day long, you'll be competing with many other shoppers. The good stuff goes quickly!
- Be cautious of other vehicles. You will often find yourself looking off on the sides of the road at the sales, and the car in front of you might come to a quick stop. Be alert! Watch for pedestrians.
- Make sure your car is far enough off the road so as not to be a danger to you to others.

# State Parks, Corp Campsites & Bed and Breakfast

## ALABAMA STATE PARKS \*\*\*Cabins, Cottages, and RV Campsites

Chickasaw State Park	Gallion, AL	334-295-8230
Paul M. Grist State Park	Selma, AL	334-872-5846
Roland Cooper State Park	Camden, AL	334-682-4838
Chewacla State Park	Auburn, AL	334-887-5621
Lakepoint State Park Resort	Eufaula, AL	334-687-6026
Wind Drift Camp Ground	Shorter, AL	334-724-9428

## CORP OF ENGINEERS – ALABAMA RIVER LAKES \*\*\*Campsites, electricity/water, showers, sanitary station, and more

Six Mile Creek	South of Selma, AL	877-444-6777
Prairie Creek	Near Benton, AL	877-444-6777
Miller's Ferry	Near Camden, AL	877-444-6777
Front Porch by the River Campground – Demopolis 334-289-8121		
Foscue Park – located on the Tombigbee – 334- 289-5535		

## BED and BREAKFASTS –

Montgomery County - **Red Bluff Cottage Bed and Breakfast** (City Limits)  
551 Clay Street, Montgomery, AL 36104  
(888) 551-2529 – (334) 264-0056

## Perry County - **Donavan Inn & Lakes**

County Road 38, 4 miles south of Marion on Hwy 45  
Marion, AL 36756 - Phone: 334-683-6389  
<http://donavaninn.com>

## **Folsom Inn Bed and Breakfast**

Hwy 14 West, Folsom AL, six miles west of Marion and 12 miles east of Greensboro.  
Reservations: Cooper Holmes-334-683-2848 -  
[Cooper\\_holmes@hotmail.com](mailto:Cooper_holmes@hotmail.com)  
[www.holmesteadcompany.com](http://www.holmesteadcompany.com) Jenny Holmes-334-683-9955

## **Myrtle Hill Bed & Breakfast**

303 West Lafayette St.  
Marion AL 36756  
Phone: 334-683-9095 – Call for appointment  
[www.bbonline.com/al/myrtlehill/](http://www.bbonline.com/al/myrtlehill/)

## **The Lillian Moore House**

102 West Monroe St., Marion, AL  
334-683-2000 or 334-683-5477  
[www.historicmarionalabama.com](http://www.historicmarionalabama.com)



**May 31 – June 2, 2012**

**May 30 – June 1, 2013**

*This annual 3-day event takes place the  
last Thursday in May through the first  
Saturday in June .....*



## Please Drive Safely!

The Alabama Rural Development Office and the Black Belt Marketing Committee are not responsible for accidents or injuries incurred during the yard sale.

**334-353-5185**

**or**

**334-649-3788**

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“Other” Fun Things To Do!

Why not make the **World's Widest Yard Sale** a mini-family vacation? The Black Belt region of Alabama, known for its dark, rich soil, contains many cultural and historical treasures such as the Gees Bend quilters, Selma-to-Montgomery March Interpretive Center, Tuskegee Institute and Airmen Museum, Gaineswood Plantation, and an abundance of outdoor recreation including canoeing, birdwatching, hiking, fishing, and camping at several national and state parks.

And, if you're looking for a culinary experience, we promise you won't be disappointed. Wrap your taste buds around mouth-watering barbeque, fried catfish and hushpuppies, home-grown fresh summer vegetables, and the South's favorite dessert – pecan pie with a dollop of vanilla ice cream.

It's the perfect time of year to take an Alabama Road Trip. Visit: [www.alabama.travel](http://www.alabama.travel)

**MONTGOMERY** – Montgomery Biscuits vs. Mississippi Braves May 31 - June 1 2012 Riverwalk Stadium.  
– Montgomery Biscuits vs. Tennessee Smokies June 2, 2012 Riverwalk Stadium  
– Military Appreciation night. [www.biscuitsbaseball.com](http://www.biscuitsbaseball.com)

**DEMOPOLIS** – Taste of Home Magazine's Cooking show – May 31, 201

Tickets \$15.00 [demopolitchamber@yahoo.com](mailto:demopolitchamber@yahoo.com)

**LINDEN SUMMER CARNIVAL** – May 31 – June 2, 2012 334-295-5051. [www.lindenalabama.net](http://www.lindenalabama.net)

**POSSUM BEND Wild Hog Round-up & Cook Off** – June 1-2, 2012 1300 Hwy 10 West, Possum Bend, AL 38726 [www.possumbend.com](http://www.possumbend.com) 334-682-4410.

\*Check out regional art and fine crafts at **Black Belt Treasures**, 209 Claiborne Street, Camden, AL 334-682-9878.

Lodging Infomation

Below you'll find a partial list of available lodging along or near the US Highway 80 corridor. Please refer to our website, [www.widestyardsale.com](http://www.widestyardsale.com), for a comprehensive list of the hotels found in the region.

WIDEST YARD SALE LODGE ACCOMMODATIONS

<b>Cameron Quail Preserve Lodge</b>	9450 Cty. Rd. 85	Aliceville, AL 35442
<b>Canterbury Lodge</b>	30545 Hwy. 28	Demopolis, AL 36732
<b>Cook's Family Farm Lodge</b>	196 Cooks Lane, Hwy. 83	Evergreen, AL 36401
<b>Southern Comfort Lodge</b>	123 Southern Comfort Dr	Marion, AL 36756
<b>Southern Sportsmen Lodge</b>	9022 US Hwy. 80 W.	Tyler, AL 36785
<b>Great Southern Outdoors Plantation</b>	11440 Hwy. 82	Union Springs, AL 36089
<b>Greenway Sportsman Lodge</b>	2621 Hwy. 223	Union Springs, AL 36089



Tuskegee Airmen

Lowndes County Interpretive Center Gaineswood Plantation, Demopolis, AL



Quilts of Gee's Bend

Edmond Pettus Bridge Selma, AL

Rosa Parks Museum and Library, Montgomery, AL

Chambers of Commerce

Alexander City Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.alexandercitychamber.com">www.alexandercitychamber.com</a> 256-234-3461
Greater Tallassee Area Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.tallasseechamber.com">www.tallasseechamber.com</a> 334-283-5151
Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.montgomerychamber.com">www.montgomerychamber.com</a> 334-834-5200
Perry County Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.perrycountyalabamachamber.com">www.perrycountyalabamachamber.com</a> 334-683-9622
Phenix City/Russell County Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.pc-rcchamber.com">www.pc-rcchamber.com</a> 334-298-3639
Demopolis Area Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.demopolischamber.com">www.demopolischamber.com</a> 334-289-0270
Selma-Dallas County Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.selmaalabama.com">www.selmaalabama.com</a> 334-875-7241
Sumter County Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.sumteralchamber.com">www.sumteralchamber.com</a> 205-652-1580
Tuskegee Area Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.tuskegeeareachamber.org">www.tuskegeeareachamber.org</a> 334-727-6619
Choctaw County Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.choctawcountyinfo.com">www.choctawcountyinfo.com</a> 205-459-3459
Southwest Alabama Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.southwestalabamachamber.com">www.southwestalabamachamber.com</a> 334-636-6623
Wilcox Area Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.wilcoxareachamber.org">www.wilcoxareachamber.org</a> 334-682-4929
Eufaula/Barbour Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.eufaulachamber.com">www.eufaulachamber.com</a> 334-687-6664
Union Springs/Bullock County Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.usacoc.com">www.usacoc.com</a> 334-638-2424

\*See website for additional contact information for areas along U. S. Highway 80  
\*Lodging and restaurants listed on website

